

BRIGHTLINGSEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health
for 1940.

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE BRIGHTLINGSEA
URBAN DISTRICT:-

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH: J. Ramsbottom, M.B.,
Ch.B., D.P.H., who is also Assistant County
Medical Officer, and Medical Officer of Health to
the Tendring Rural D. Council.

SANITARY INSPECTOR: (Whole-time Officer):-
J. C. Hicks, M.S.I.A., who acts also as Surveyor,
Meat and Food Inspector and Officer under the
Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919.

WATERWORKS MANAGER: I. S. Priest (Whole-time Officer)

Town Hall,
BRIGHTLINGSEA.
September, 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the BRIGHTLINGSEA URBAN
DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Sir and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for
1940. Owing to the War, the Ministry of Health has again
decided to curtail the contents of the report to a minimum.

Arrangements have been made to preserve all records,
in order that, at the end of the war, a comprehensive report,
dealing with the whole period of hostilities, can be made.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. RAMSBOTTOM

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

General Statistics.

Area (exclusive of Water)	2,873 acres
Population (1931 Census)	4,145
Population (R.G. Estimate)	4,462
Number of inhabited houses	1,600
Rateable Value	£20,390
Sum represented by a penny Rate.....	£79 - 2 - 5

Extracts from Vital Statistics.

Live Births - Legitimate	37
Illegitimate	1
Total live Births	38
BIRTH RATE	8.52
Still Births - Legitimate	4
Rate per 1000 live and still Births	9.42
Deaths	92
DEATH RATE	20.62

The corrected death rate using comparability factor of 0.66, equals 13.61.

Deaths from diseases and accidents of Pregnancy and
Child Birth - NIL

Deaths of infants under one year of age
Actual number of deaths - 2
INFANTILE DEATH RATE - 52.63

Measles, Whooping Cough and Diarrhoea (under 1 year) NIL

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS, CANCER, ETC. per 1,000.

Tuberculosis (Pulmonary	2) 3	Death rate	.67
(Non-Pulmonary 1)			
Cancer	19	" "	4.26
Influenza	Nil	" "	Nil

INFANTILE DEATHS

Particulars of the two infantile deaths	
Cause	Age
Pneumonia	1 month
Sarcoma of Liver	7 months

Deaths at various ages during 1940

Under 1 yr.	1-2	2-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75
2	-	-	2	-	2	1	6	15	28
									Over 75
									36

Total 92.

This increase of 19 over last year is distributed evenly between the age groups. There is an increase in those under 65 and an increase of 8 over that age.

Average Age 70.9 years.

SECTION B.

Public Health Staff - As pre-war - see front page.

Laboratory Facilities.

The County Laboratories, 91, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.4. have operated as previously during 1940.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES, NURSING IN THE HOME, AND HOSPITALS.

There has been no change with respect to the above services.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

The clinic arrangements in Brightlingsea have returned to the pre-war sessions. This consists of a combined clinic, alternate Wednesdays at the New Church School Rooms, infant welfare being from 2.40 p.m.

The special County Clinics (Orthopaedic and Ophthalmic) are held at Colchester where the Brightlingsea cases attend.

Midwives

There is a District Nurse Midwife practising in the district.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area;

including Report of the Sanitary Inspector.

WATER SUPPLY

Brightlingsea is fortunately supplied by water from three sources with a fourth available in an emergency. The three sources now in use continue to produce water of a high degree of purity. Arrangements are in hand for the chlorination of the whole of the town's main supply.

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND PUBLIC CLEANSING

No changes or developments have occurred with respect to drainage and sewerage.

The cleansing section of the Public Health Department is operating the salvage arrangements in the town.

Bed Bugs

No case of bug infestation has occurred during the year.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

	NO.	NO. OF INSPECTIONS.	
Houses	12	23 (including revisits)	
Other premises	3	7	" "
Dairies & Milkshops	14	28	" "
Cowsheds	7	14	" "
Bakehouses	6	24	" "
Slaughterhouses	4	6	" "
Houses disinfected		6	
Complaints received and dealt with		9	
Informal notices served		4	

STATUTORY NOTICES SERVED

Housing Act	NIL
Public Health Acts	2
Informal Notices P.H. Meat Regulations	NIL

DESTRUCTION OF RATS

The Council assisted the owners in the destruction of rats during Rat Week and offered 1d per tail, of which 215 were deposited.



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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply

Periodical visits were made and the premises found satisfactory. One dealer licensed in Pasteurised Milk (Special Designations Order 1923)

(b) Meat

6 visits were made to slaughterhouses during the time of emergency slaughter.

(c) Other foods

Nothing of an unusual character came to my notice during the year.

(d) Bakehouses

Visits were made periodically to ensure cleanliness.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Notices.</u>
Factories	6	NIL
Workshops	4	"
Workplaces	1	"
	<u>11</u>	

No defects were found.

SECTION D.

During 1940, no houses were erected by private enterprise.

No demolition orders were made during 1940.

SECTION E.

Inspection of Food.

Regarding Milk Supply, Meat, Bakehouses, etc, see Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Shellfish (Mulluxan)

During 1940, 2,021,296 oysters were marketed from Brightlingsea after cleansing. This compares with 3,407,062 in 1939 and 4,361,107 in 1938.

SECTION F.

Prevalence of and control over infectious and other diseases.

Again the town has been remarkably free from infectious diseases during 1940. 19 cases of Measles were notified. No deaths occurred from this cause. There were three cases of Scarlet Fever and one of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis, again with no fatalities.

The agreement with the Borough of Colchester for the isolation of infectious cases continues as pro-war.

Tuberculosis

At the end of December, 1940, 46 cases were on the Tuberculosis Register. Of these 25 were pulmonary and 21 non-pulmonary.

During 1940 no new cases were added to the register.

Two deaths were registered, death in both cases being due to the respiratory form of Tuberculosis.

